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MAN-AT-ARMS' LABORATORY IN THE ETERNIAN ROYAL PALACE.
...AND SO, ADAM, BY DISPLACING AN ELECTROSTACTIC CHARGE THROUGH THE TITANIUM SULFATE MIXTURE SUSPENDED IN A MAGNETIC FORCE BUBBLE, WE INCREASE THE LEVEL OF M-RAYS GENERATED TO A POINT OF...
YAWN! THIS IS BORING, ORKO!
YOU SAID IT, CRINGER! I'D RATHER BE STUDYING MAGIC ANY DAY!
SAY, DUNCAN, WHAT'S THAT FLASHING LIGHT?
THAT'S THE DIMENSIONAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. I DESIGNED IT TO WARN US AGAINST INVASIONS! I'LL ASSEMBLE A SCOUTING PARTY, YOU'D BETTER SEE ABOUT FINDING HE-MAN!
WAIT, MAN-AT-ARMS, DON'T YOU WANT TO FINISH THE LESSON? ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN HAVING ADAM SAY--
BY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL--
I HAVE THE POWER!
LET'S GO BATTLE CAT! WE'RE NEEDED!
GRRROW!!
RIGHT, HE-MAN! ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN LISTENING TO CRINGER'S BELLYACHING!!

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ETERNIA IS MINE!! AHA! HA! HA! SHADOW WEAVER! CATRA! IMP! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY PLAN??

IT IS BRILLIANCE PERSONIFIED, GREAT HORDAK!

MEOWRR! YES, MASTER! EVEN NOW, YOUR FORCES POUR THROUGH THE STAR GATE FROM THE FRIGHT ZONE ON ETHERIA!

YEAH, BOSS, THIS IS GREAT! NOBODY CAN STOP YOU NOW!

OF COURSE! NOTHING CAN STOP THE HORDE!!

WHOSE ENEMY AM I ANYWAY?

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ADAM, PRINCE OF ETERNIA DISCOVERED SUPER POWERS WHEN HE HELD ALOFT THE SWORD OF POWER AND SAID, "BY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL!" HIS PET, CRINGER, BECAME THE MIGHTY BATTLE CAT AND ADAM BECAME HE-MAN! HE-MAN, THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE UNIVERSE! ONLY MAN-AT-ARMS, ORKO, AND THE SORCERESS SHARE HIS SECRET! ON THE WORLD CALLED ETERNIA, THEY BATTLE THE FORCES OF EVIL TO DETERMINE WHO WILL BE THE ...

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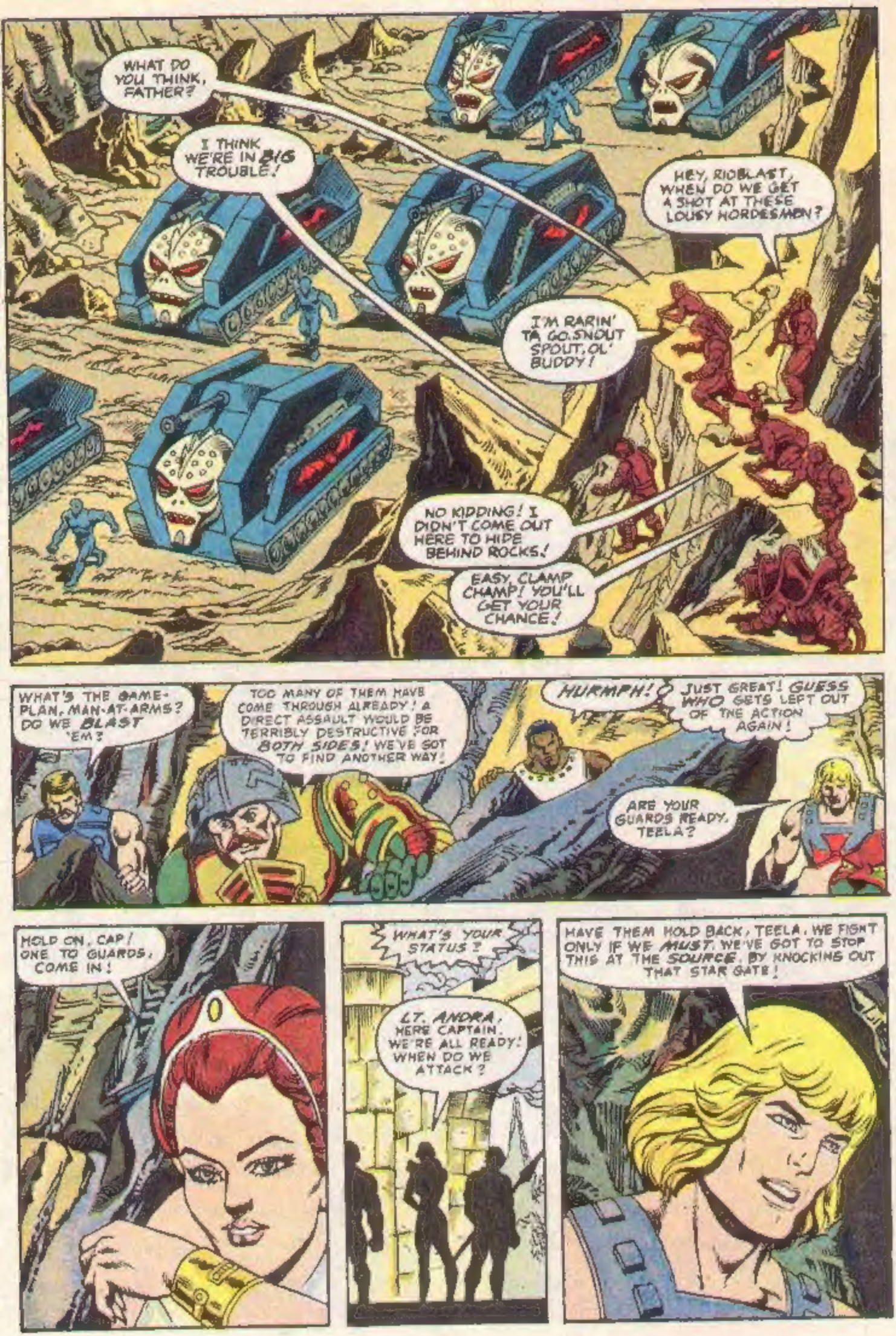
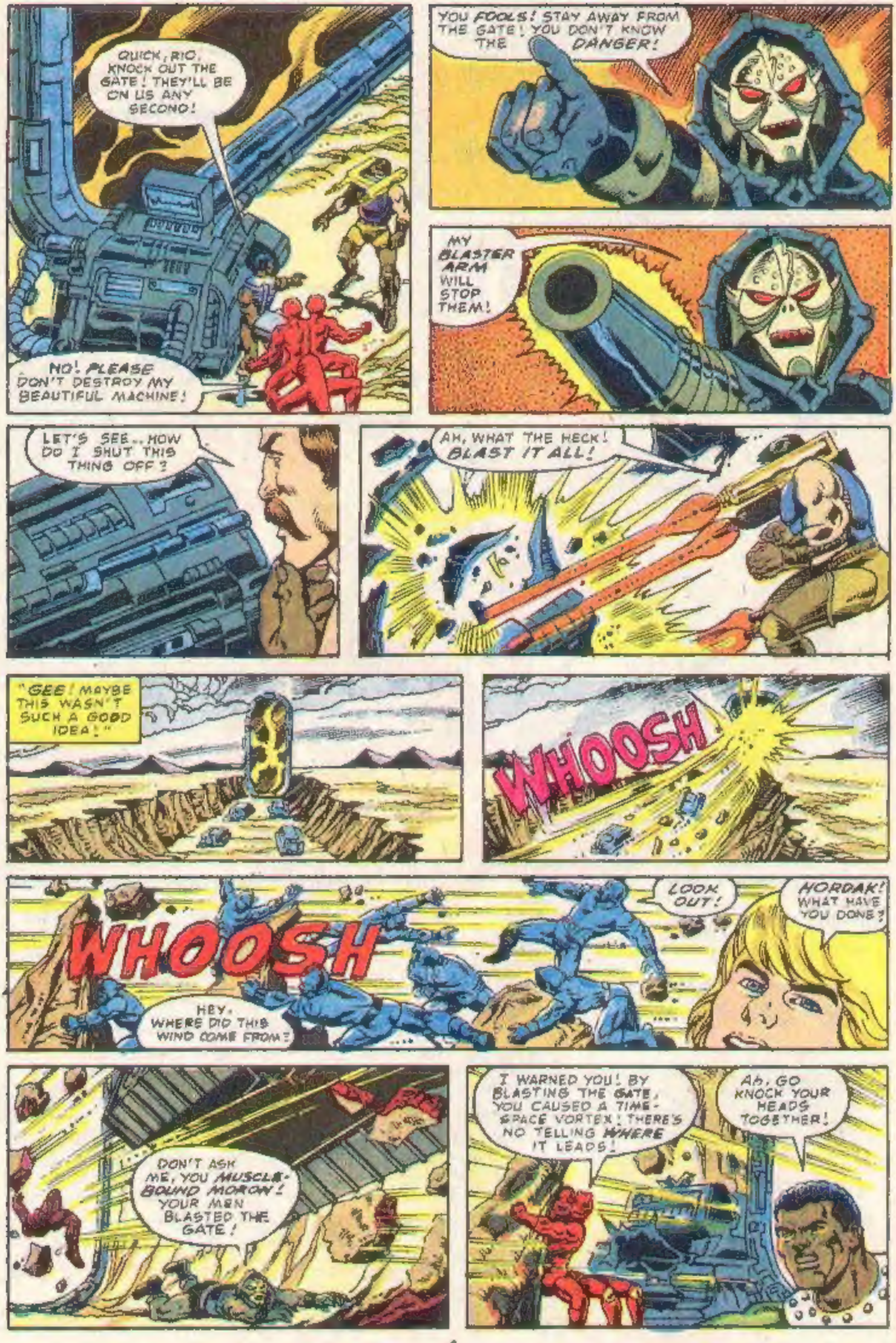
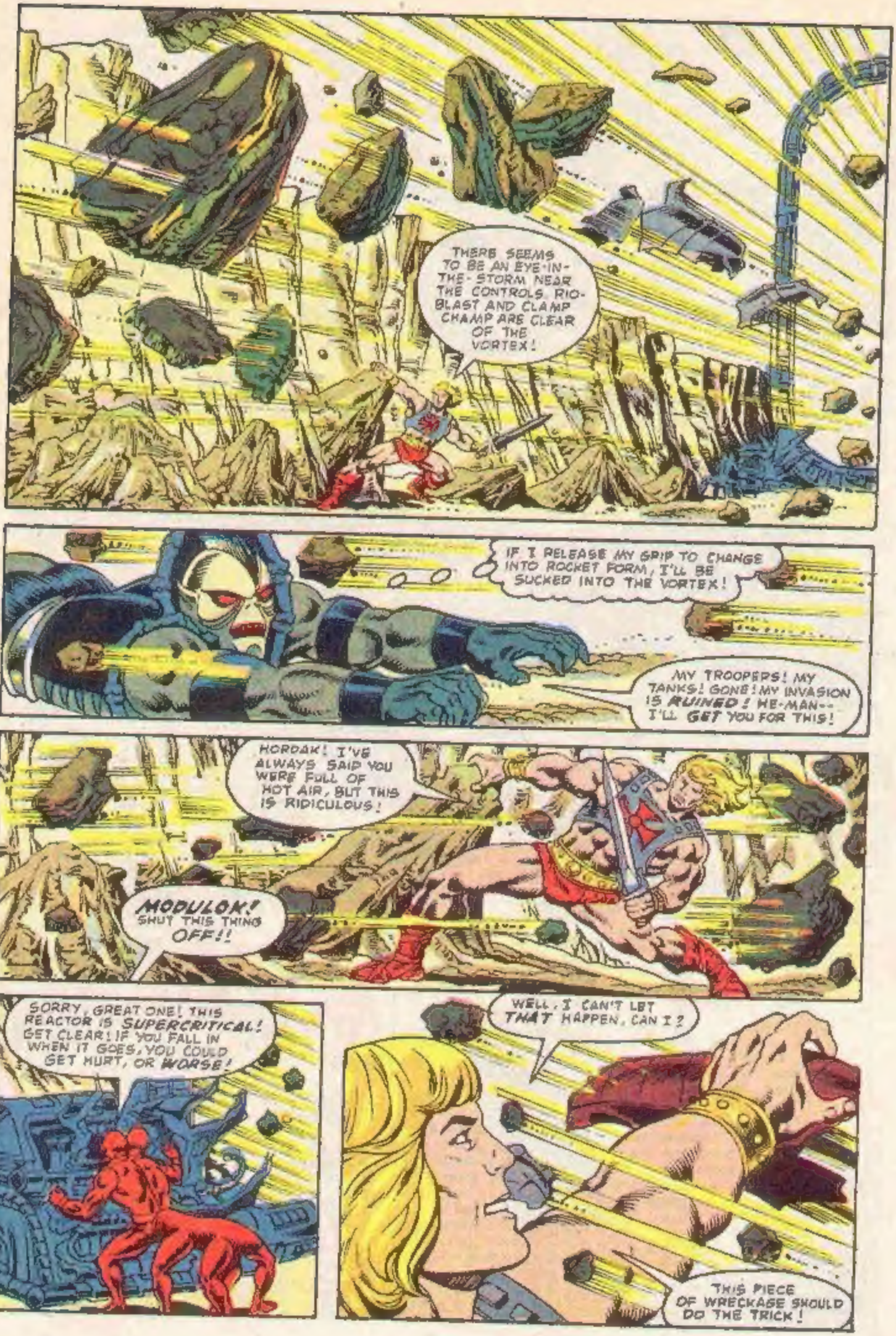
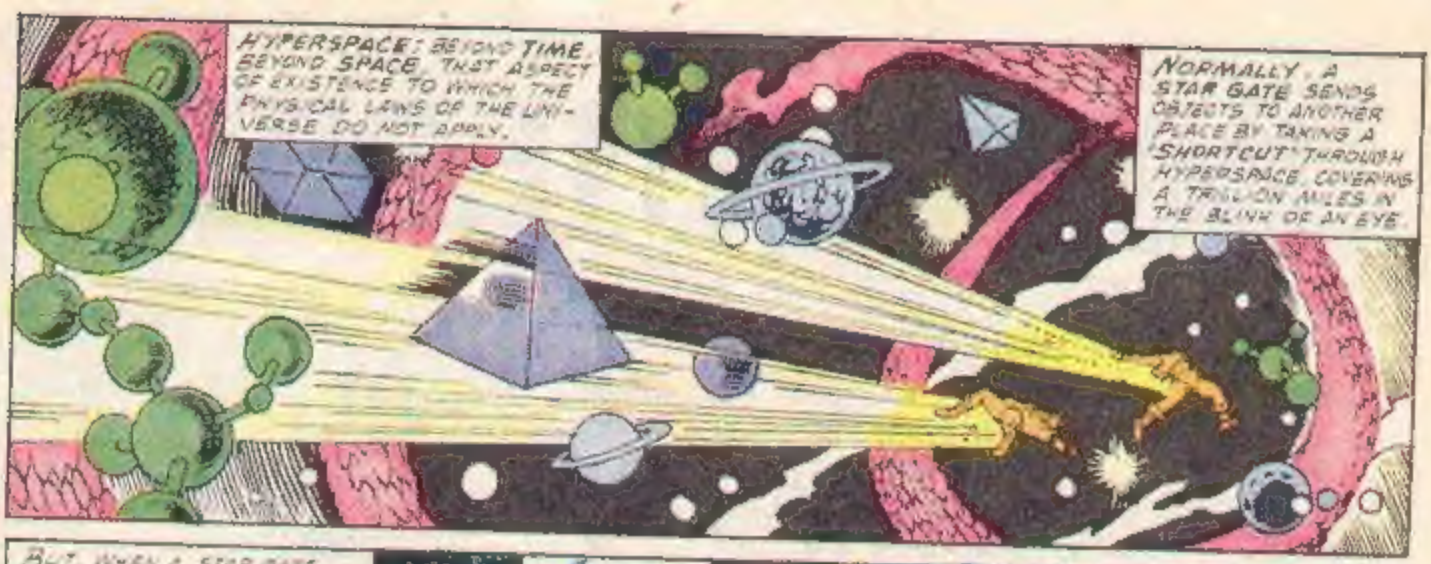

WHAT DO YOU THINK, FATHER?
I THINK WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE!
HEY, RIOBLAST, WHEN DO WE GET A SHOT AT THESE LOUSY HORDESMEN?
I'M RARIN' TA GO, SNOUT SPOUT, OL' BUDDY!
NO KIDDING! I DIDN'T COME OUT HERE TO HIDE BEHIND ROCKS!
EASY, CLAMP CHAMP! YOU'LL GET YOUR CHANCE!
WHAT'S THE GAME-PLAN, MAN-AT-ARMS? DO WE BLAST 'EM?
TOO MANY OF THEM HAVE COME THROUGH ALREADY! A DIRECT ASSAULT WOULD BE TERRIBLY DESTRUCTIVE FOR BOTH SIDES! WE'VE GOT TO FIND ANOTHER WAY!
HURMPH!
JUST GREAT! GUESS WHO GETS LEFT OUT OF THE ACTION AGAIN!
ARE YOUR GUARDS READY, TEELA?
HOLD ON, CAP! ONE TO GUARDS, COME IN!
WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?
LT. ANDRA, HERE CAPTAIN. WE'RE ALL READY! WHEN DO WE ATTACK?
HAVE THEM HOLD BACK, TEELA. WE FIGHT ONLY IF WE MUST. WE'VE GOT TO STOP THIS AT THE SOURCE. BY KNOCKING OUT THAT STAR GATE!

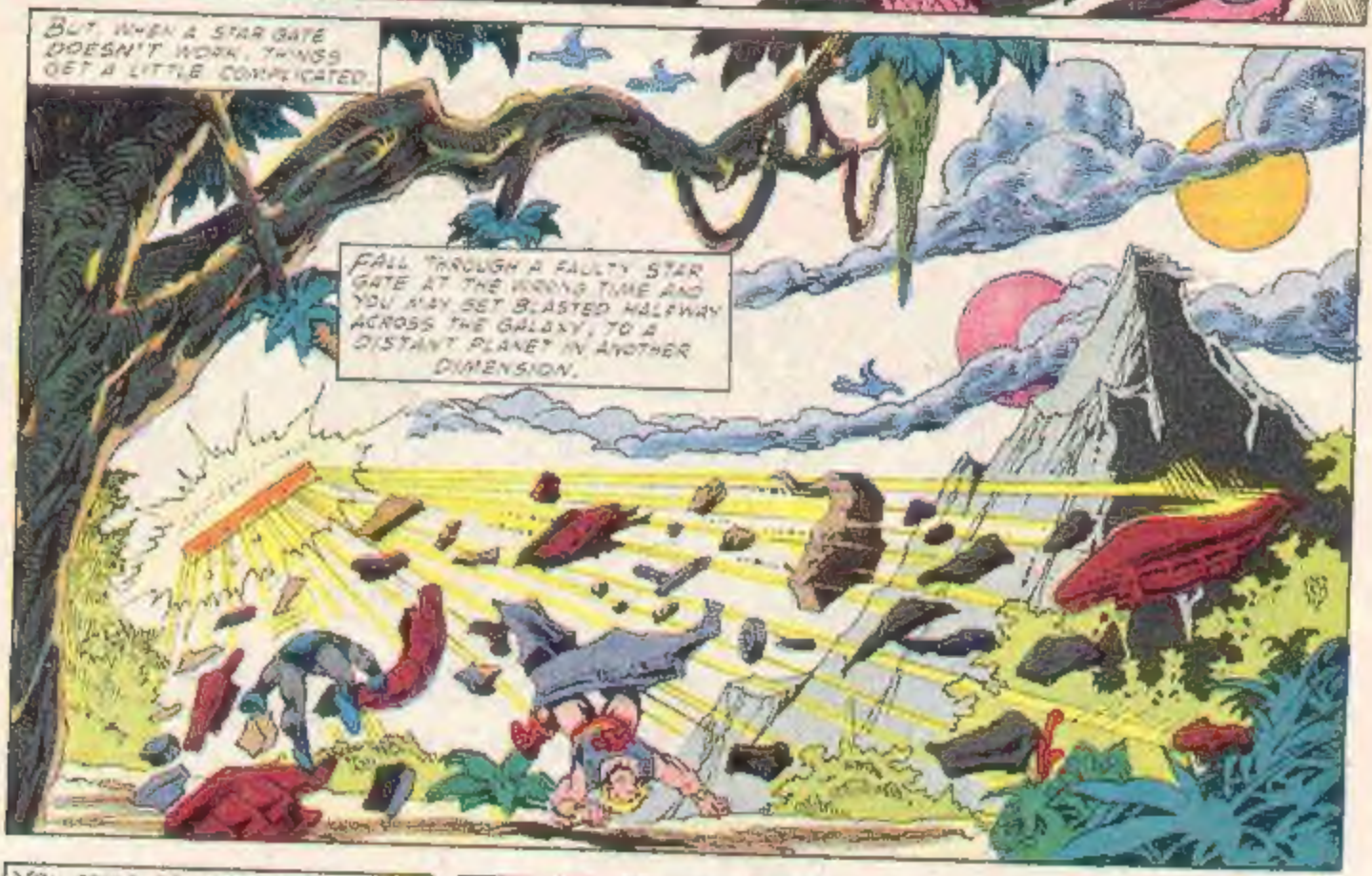
YOU WANT THE STAR GATE KNOCKED OUT? NO PROBLEM!
WAAHOOOO!!
OVER THE TOP, BUCKAROOS, LET'S HIT 'EM HARD!
ALL RIGHT!!
BU DOOA
BU DOOA
NO, WAIT! COME BACK HERE!
SAVE SOME FOR ME, RIO!!
ARE YOU CRAZY!
WHAT? THEY SEND TWO WARRIORS AGAINST MY ARMY?? THEY MUST BE CRAZY!
WAIT! HE-MAN IS WITH THEM! I'LL GO DOWN AND DEAL WITH HIM MYSELF!
EAT HOT IONS, YOU SIDE-WINDIN' BUSHWACKIN' VARMINTS!
ZARK
COVER ME, RIO!
WHILE I TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME!
HEY!
HEY!
CLAMP!
HAY IS FOR HORSES, CREETO!


QUICK, RIO, KNOCK OUT THE GATE! THEY'LL BE ON US ANY SECOND!
NO! PLEASE DON'T DESTROY MY BEAUTIFUL MACHINE!
YOU FOOLS! STAY AWAY FROM THE GATE! YOU DON'T KNOW THE DANGER!
MY BLASTER ARM WILL STOP THEM!
LET'S SEE.. HOW DO I SHUT THIS THING OFF?
AH, WHAT THE HECK! BLAST IT ALL!
"GEE! MAYBE THIS WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA!"
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
HEY. WHERE DID THIS WIND COME FROM?
LOOK OUT!
HORDAK! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
DON'T ASK ME, YOU MUSCLE-BOUND MORON! YOUR MEN BLASTED THE GATE!
I WARNED YOU! BY BLASTING THE GATE, YOU CAUSED A TIME-SPACE VORTEX! THERE'S NO TELLING WHERE IT LEADS!
AH, GO KNOCK YOUR HEADS TOGETHER!


THERE SEEMS TO BE AN EYE-IN-THE-STORM NEAR THE CONTROLS. RIO-BLAST AND CLAMP CHAMP ARE CLEAR OF THE VORTEX!
IF I RELEASE MY GRIP TO CHANGE INTO ROCKET FORM, I'LL BE SUCKED INTO THE VORTEX!
MY TROOPERS! MY TANKS! GONE! MY INVASION IS RUINED! HE-MAN-- I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS!
HORDAK! I'VE ALWAYS SAID YOU WERE FULL OF HOT AIR, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
MODULOK! SHUT THIS THING OFF!!
SORRY, GREAT ONE! THIS REACTOR IS SUPERCRITICAL! GET CLEAR! IF YOU FALL IN WHEN IT GOES, YOU COULD GET HURT, OR WORSE!
WELL, I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN, CAN I?
THIS PIECE OF WRECKAGE SHOULD DO THE TRICK!

HORDAK! GRAB HOLD OF THIS! I'LL PULL YOU OUT!
WHY WOULD YOU HELP ME, ETERNIAN? I'M YOUR ENEMY!
"BECAUSE, HORDAK, ANY LIFE--EVEN THE LIFE OF AN ENEMY IS WORTH SAVING!"
IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE ANY SECOND! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
I WOULDN'T HELP YOU, YOU KNOW!
I KNOW.
GOOD! THEN YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY I'M DOING THIS!
WHA? I'VE LOST MY FOOTING!
SO LONG-- HE-FOOL!
HORDAK! LOOK OUT!
WHAMO
URF!
KRAKA-
BOOM


HYPERSPACE: BEYOND TIME, BEYOND SPACE, THAT ASPECT OF EXISTENCE TO WHICH THE PHYSICAL LAWS OF THE UNIVERSE DO NOT APPLY.
NORMALLY, A STAR GATE SENDS OBJECTS TO ANOTHER PLACE BY TAKING A 'SHORTCUT' THROUGH HYPERSPACE, COVERING A TRILLION MILES IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.


BUT, WHEN A STAR GATE DOESN'T WORK, THINGS GET A LITTLE COMPLICATED.
FALL THROUGH A FAULTY STAR GATE AT THE WRONG TIME AND YOU MAY GET BLASTED HALFWAY ACROSS THE GALAXY, TO A DISTANT PLANET IN ANOTHER DIMENSION.

YOU COULD BE EXPOSED TO UNCONTROLLED COSMIC ENERGY, MORE THAN ENOUGH TO KILL A NORMAL MAN.

AND EVEN IF YOUR SUPERHUMAN BODY COULD WITHSTAND THE FANTASTIC STRAIN, NO MIND COULD ESCAPE UNSCATHED. SUCH IS THE FATE OF A CERTAIN HERO AND EVIL NEMESIS.
ARRGH...
UUNHH...

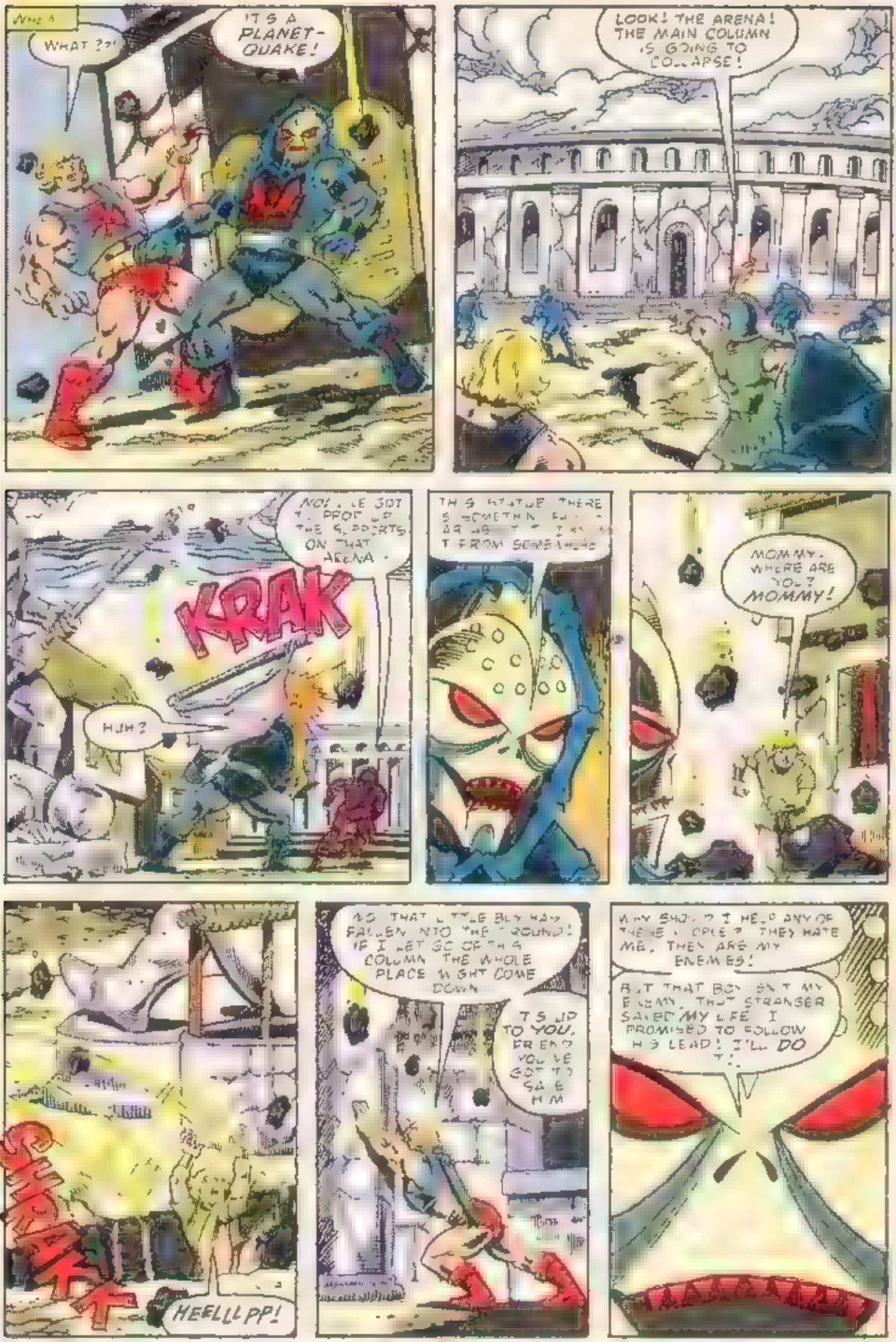
WHO ARE YOU?

I--I CAN'T REMEMBER. MY MIND'S A BLANK. I KNOW THAT I HAVE A LIFE, MEMORIES, FRIENDS... BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER THEM!
SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO US. SOMETHING THAT ROBBED US OF OUR MEMORIES.
YOU AND I MUST KNOW EACH OTHER FROM SOMEWHERE! WE SHOULD STICK TOGETHER AND HELP EACH OTHER FIND A WAY HOME... WHEREVER HOME IS!
HA! I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP OR ANYONE ELSE'S! SOME ENEMY OF MINE MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!
I DON'T REMEMBER WHO RIGHT NOW. BUT WHEN I FIND OUT, HE'S GONG TO PAY!
LISTEN FRIEND, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF DANGER IS WAITING OUT THERE!
BAH! I'M NOT AFRAID OF ANYTHING!
SSSS
HISSS
SSSS
ARRS! LET ME GO YOU MISERABLE CREATURE!
LET ME GO OR I'LL... I'LL... WHAT'LL I DO? I CAN'T REMEMBER!
HELP!

HE'S A TRUE BE! I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM.
BUT I DON'T WANT TO HURT THE CREATURE
IT'S JUST FOLLOWING ITS NATURAL INSTINCTS!
AS MUCH AS I HATE TO INTERFERE WITH NATURE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR YOUR MEAL FRIEND!
STOPPING A GIANT CREATURE LIKE THIS CAN BE TOUGH.
BUT IN THIS CASE
WHOCK
I'M FREE!
TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE
OF COURSE! NOW STAND BACK -
-HM- I TAKE OUR FRIEND FOR A LITTLE SPIN!!

SSSSS
SSSS
HAVE A SAFE FLIGHT!
I · I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT ! I KNOW I CAN BEAT A CREATURE LIKE THAT ! I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER HOW!
AND YOU.. WHY DID YOU SAVE ME ??
ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS I COULDN'T STAND BY AND ALLOW YOU TO BE HARMED_
I TOLD YOU FRIEND.. WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER
I REMEMBER SOMETHING I REMEMBER THAT NO ONE EVER HESITATED TO HELP ME. ! THANK YOU, STRANGER
YOU'RE WELCOME
I SEEM TO KNOW THAT I'VE ALWAYS USED MY POWER FOR GOOD!
JOIN ME IN HELPING OTHER PEOPLE YOU'LL BE HELPING YOURSELF. TRUST ME, YOU'LL LIKE IT
WHAT DO YOU SAY FRIEND ?
ALRIGHT STRANGER. YOU LEAD I'LL FOLLOW

LATER
LOOK
GASP!
IT'S ONE OF THEM!
IT CAN'T BE
HERE IN THE CITY
IT'S UGLY
IT'S AWFUL
THEY WOULDN'T DARE!
I BET HE'S NOT SO TOUGH!
ONCE BEAT TEN OF 'EM MYSELF!
ONLY GOOD ONE
A REAL FRIENDLY TOWN
DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF GERMS
NO KIDDING!
I DON'T THINK THEY LIKE YOU
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK IT'S ME?
SLAM
CLOSED
JUST CALL IT A HUNCH!
GRR
CHOMP
FANG
YIPE
YIPE
YIPE

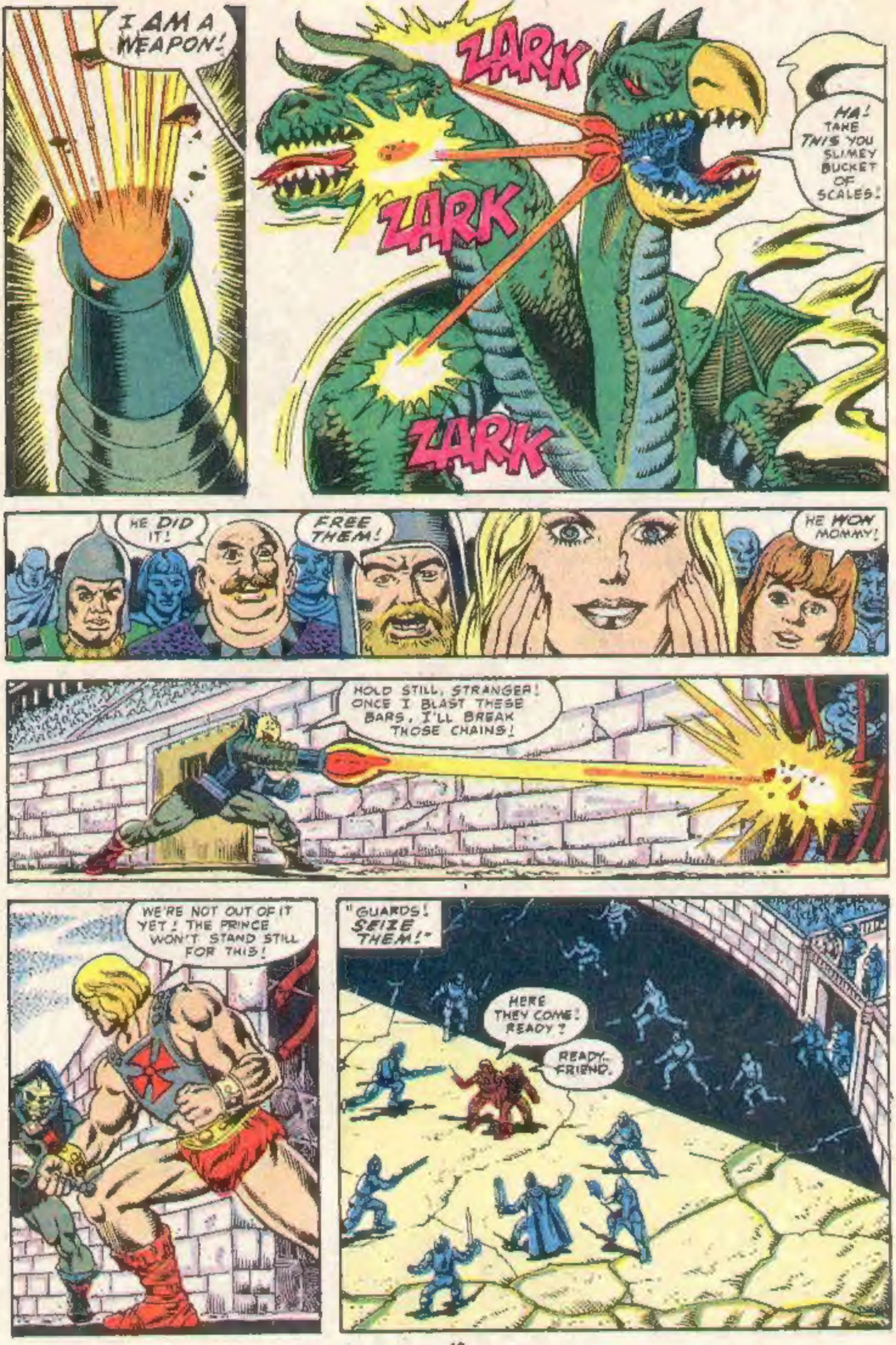

WHAT ?!
IT'S A PLANET-QUAKE!
LOOK! THE ARENA! THE MAIN COLUMN IS GOING TO COLLAPSE!
KRAK
HUH?
MOMMY. WHERE ARE YOU? MOMMY!
HEELLLPP!
AND THAT LITTLE BOY HAS FALLEN INTO THE GROUND! IF I LET GO OF THIS COLUMN THE WHOLE PLACE MIGHT COME DOWN
IT'S UP TO YOU, FRIEND YOU'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM
MY SHOULD I HELP ANY OF THESE PEOPLE? THEY HATE ME, THEY ARE MY ENEMIES!
BUT THAT BOY ISN'T MY ENEMY. THAT STRANGER SAVED MY LIFE I PROMISED TO FOLLOW HIS LEAD! I'LL DO IT!

UMMPH. THIS FEELS STRONG ENOUGH.
WAAHH!
HELP, HELP MEEEE. THIS BAD MAN'S GONNA GET ME.
NOW IS THAT ANY WAY TO TALK TO A FRIEND?
I... I
JUST HOLD ONTO ME, CHILD. I'LL GET YOU OUT!
THERE NOW. YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
TEVIN OH TEVIN' YOU'RE SAFE!
MOMMY - THIS NICE BAD-MAN SAVED ME.
KRAK
THANK YOU! THANK YOU SIR HOW CAN I EVER REPAY YOU FOR SAVING MY LITTLE BOY?
WHA? IT WAS NOTHING ER THAT'S
WHAT HAPPENED?
SHE THANKED ME! NOBODY EVER THANKED ME BEFORE. DO YOU SEE THAT?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M GREAT. JUST GREAT.

HOLD YOUR FLAMES OR WE FIRE!
WHAT'S A HORSEMAN?
NO WEAPON OF THE HORSEMEN SHALL ESCAPE GRACE BURN
MUST
ONE OF THE HORSEMEN HERE
GRACE BURN
TAKE THEM AWAY!!

TOO SOON!
DON'T GIVE UP HOPE FRIEND...
PEOPLE OF HARBOR A TWENTY YEARS AGO WE BATTLED THE EVIL HORDE FOR THE FREEDOM OF OUR WORLD AND WON!
PEOPLE OF HARBOR A, HOW SHALL WE JUDGE HIM?
LET THE SERPENT HAVE HIM
HIISSS
DOWN WITH THE HORDE...
DESTROY HIM...
LET HIM BE JUDGED
SSSS
ANOTHER ONE JUST LIKE THE ONE IN THE JUNGLE.
NOW
WOMP
NOT ON ME!

CRAWW!
ARRGH!
THE DARK ONE FIGHTS BRAVELY!
LET HIM LIVE.
SPARE HIM!
BAR'IN! SPARE HIM!
LET THE TRIAL GO ON TO THE END!
I'VE GOT TO GET FREE! BUT THESE CHAINS ARE CHARGED WITH SOME KIND OF ENERGY! HANG ON, FRIEND. WE'LL BEAT IT TOGETHER!
NO! STAY THERE! EVEN IF THIS THING GETS ME, AT LEAST YOU'LL BE SAFE!
NOW, HORDESMAN! YOU SHALL SEE THE JUDGMENT OF BAR'IN! IF YOU FAIL, HIS FRIEND WILL SHARE HIS FATE!
NO! STRANGER MY FRIEND IN DANGER!
GOT TO SAVE HIM! NEED A WEAPON! A WEAPON!
A WEAPON!
ZZZZT


I AM A WEAPON!
ZARK
ZARK
ZARK
HA! TAKE THIS YOU SLIMEY BUCKET OF SCALES!
HE DID IT!
FREE THEM!
HE WON MOMMY!
HOLD STILL, STRANGER! ONCE I BLAST THESE BARS, I'LL BREAK THOSE CHAINS!
WE'RE NOT OUT OF IT YET! THE PRINCE WON'T STAND STILL FOR THIS!
"GUARDS! SEIZE THEM!"
HERE THEY COME! READY?
READY, FRIEND.

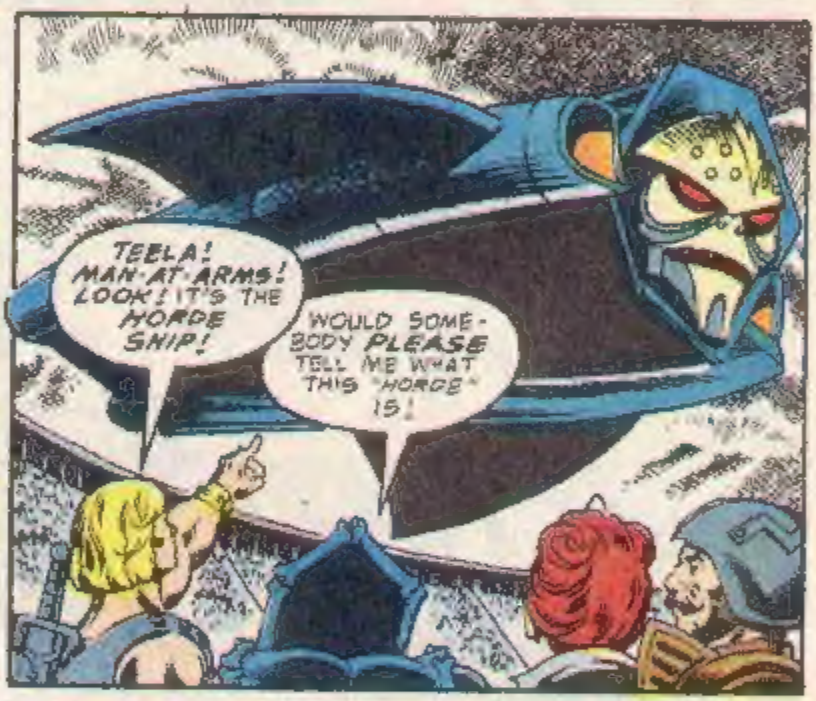
HEY! WHAT'S THAT?!
WHY'S IT DARK ALL OF A SUDDEN?
HMMMMM
WHOOSH
HE-MAN! THANK ETERNIA WE'VE FOUND YOU!
WHAT IS HORDAK DOING WITH YOU?
WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?
DON'T ASK ME PAL!
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH MY FRIEND AND ME?
YOUR FRIEND? WHAT KIND OF GAME IS THIS HORDAK?!
HE-MAN, WE TRACKED YOU ACROSS SPACE BY FOLLOWING THE ION TRAIL OF THE STAR GATE! THE HORDE IS RIGHT BEHIND US. WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT--
MAN-AT-ARMS! LOOK AT THEM! THEY REALLY DON'T RECOGNIZE US!

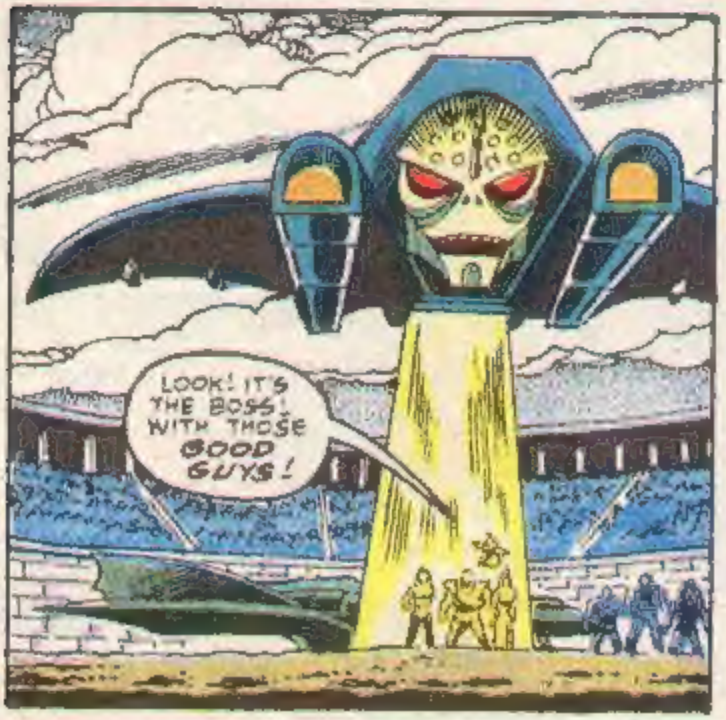
OF COURSE! I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THIS! THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FREQUENCY GENERATED BY THE STAR GATE EXPLOSION MUST HAVE AFFECTED THEIR MINDS, GIVING THEM A FORM OF AMNESIA! THEY FORGOT THEY WERE ENEMIES!

HE-MAN'S NATURAL GOODNESS MUST HAVE BEEN A GOOD IN-FLUENCE ON HORDAK! IT'S AS THOUGH HORDAK GOT A FRESH START IN LIFE, FREE FROM THE EVIL OF THE HORDE!
WHAT CAN WE DO NOW? HOW CAN WE RESTORE HIS MEMORY!

WAIT! THAT'S IT! THE POWER!
HE-MAN, YOU MUST TRUST ME! HOLD YOUR SWORD ABOVE YOUR HEAD AND SAY:
"BY THE POWER OF GREYSKULL!"
WELL IT SOUNDS KIND OF STUPID, BUT IF IT WILL HELP TO RESTORE MY MEMORY..

BY THE POWER OF GREYSKULL -- I -- I REMEMBER -- I HAVE THE POWER!


TEELA! MAN-AT-ARMS! LOOK! IT'S THE HORDE SNIP!
WOULD SOMEBODY PLEASE TELL ME WHAT THIS "HORDE" IS!


LOOK! IT'S THE BOSS! WITH THOSE GOOD GUYS!

HEY, BOSS! WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY ARE YOU HANGIN' OUT WITH...UGH... HE-MAN?!
SILENCE YOU LITTLE WORM!
SOMEBODY TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON!

OPEN YOUR MIND, HORDAK! I SHALL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!
AH! I SEE NEW THOUGHTS IN YOUR MIND, HORDAK! FRIENDSHIP, LOYALTY, SELF-SACRIFICE! MY SHADOW POWER WILL REMOVE THESE "HARMFUL" IDEAS AS IT REMOVES THE "CLOUD" FROM YOUR MEMORY!
LOOK INTO MY EYES, HORDAK!
NO! WAIT! I WANT TO STAY WITH MY FRIEND!
WELCOME BACK TO THE HORDE, "MASTER"!
NOOOOO!
AHHHH! THANK YOU, SHADOW WEAVER, I FEEL LIKE MY OLD SELF AGAIN!
WAIT, HORDAK! IT'S NOT TOO LATE! JOIN US! YOU CAN MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE! THINK OF THE GOOD WE CAN DO TOGETHER... FRIEND!
NO. FOR SOME OF US IT'S TOO LATE. I'M TOO OLD, TOO SET IN MY WAYS.
THIS IS THE ONLY LIFE FOR HORDAK.
IN SPACE, ABOVE AARBORIA...
LOOK, MIGHTY HORDAK! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO DESTROY THEM! WE CANNOT MISS AT THIS DISTANCE!
HORDE PRIME'S ORDERS DEMAND WE OPEN FIRE!
OF COURSE... BUT I WILL BE THE ONE TO FIRE THE WEAPONS!
TARGET LOCKED ON:
YOW! THAT WAS CLOSE!!
SHABOOM
WE'RE SAFE NOW! WE MADE THE JUMP INTO HYPERSPACE!
GEE, IT'S A GOOD THING HORDAK MISSED US, HE-MAN!
DID HORDAK MISS? DID HE REALLY? PERHAPS THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE! PERHAPS THERE'S HOPE FOR HORDAK!
END

"PERHAPS THERE'S HOPE FOR US ALL!"